

Choctaw County School District (Weir, MS)

Choctaw County School District will use Renew America's Schools grant funding for the following upgrades at Weir Elementary School in Weir, Mississippi: efficient windows, lighting upgrades, improved insulation and outlets, a building automation system, and multiple HVAC replacements/upgrades. Weir, MS is experiencing high rates of poverty and the school building is 84 years old. The benefits of this project for Weir, MS will be realized directly by the community, ensuring that even more than the required 40% of benefits will be realized in a disadvantaged community. Additionally, the local economy will benefit in a meaningful way as community-based HVAC and maintenance professionals will be the ones implementing the upgrades. Lastly, the students at Weir Elementary School will receive the opportunity to attend a modernized, well-lit, and energy-efficient school, which strengthens learning outcomes for the next generation.

Community Benefits

Forty-five percent of the population of Weir, Mississippi, where the elementary school receiving this funding is located, lives below the poverty line; this is more than quadruple the national percentage of Americans below the poverty line (12.6%). Seventy-one percent of the school's students are non-White, and 98% are eligible for Free and Reduced-price Lunch. To stimulate job growth in this Disadvantaged Community, the School District is exploring partnerships with the Choctaw County Career and Tech Center, as well as veteran-owned and minority-owned businesses. Work with the Choctaw County School District is open to any current or potential employee or contractor, including those working with labor unions.

Team Members	
• Tennessee Valley Authority	
Total Funds Requested	\$ 774,915
Proposed Cost Share (%)	\$ 40,785 (5%)
Number of Buildings	1

